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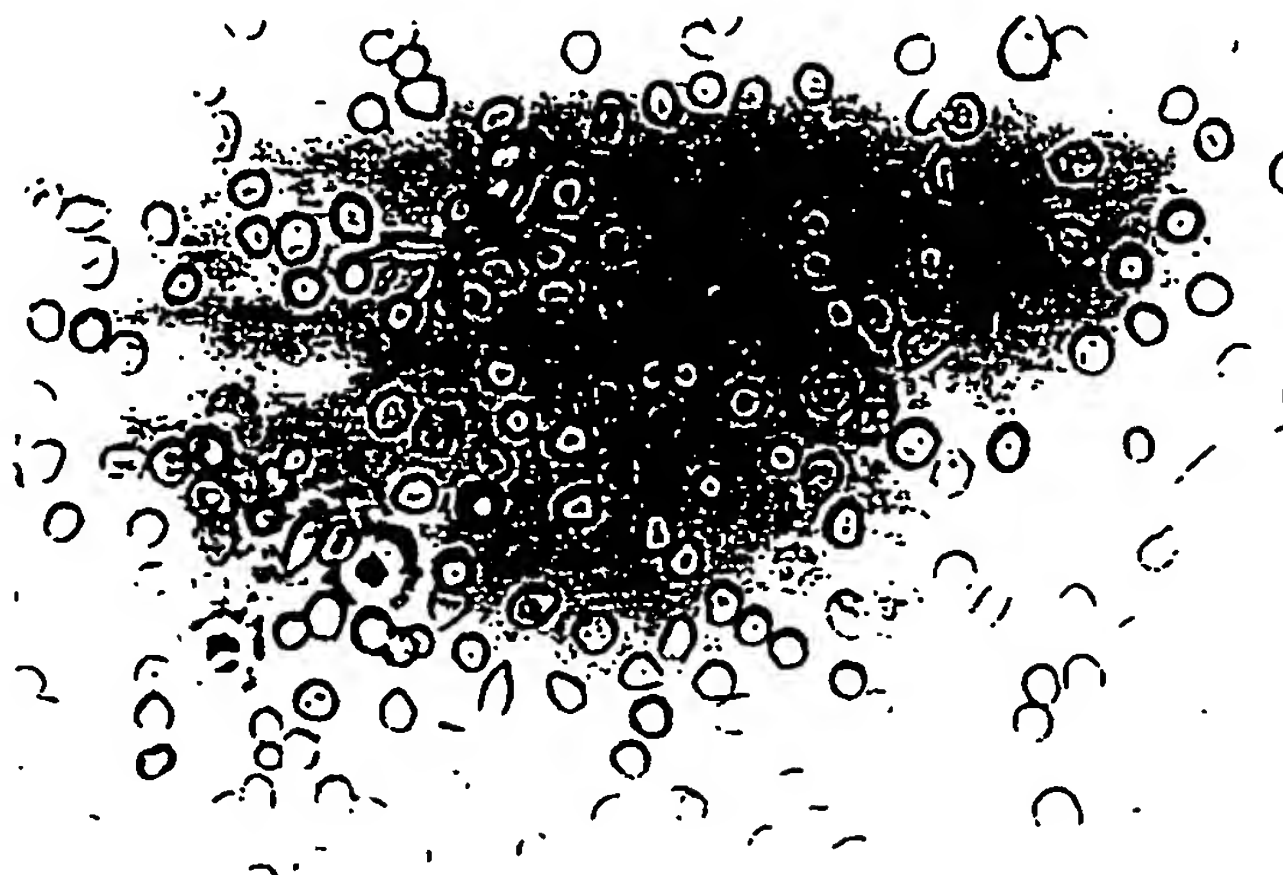
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(54) Title: METHODS OF ISOLATION, CRYOPRESERVATION, AND THERAPEUTIC USE OF HUMAN AMNIOTIC EPITHELIAL CELLS



Human amniotic epithelial cells just after isolation from
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to human amniotic epithelial cells derived from placenta at delivery, and the methods for isolating, culturing, and cryopreserving them for future therapeutic uses. Additionally, the present invention is directed to methods for inducing differentiation of these multipotential cells, for assaying the cell types derived, and for manipulating the cells by gene transfection and other means for therapeutic applications, including but not limited to enzyme replacement and gene therapy, tissue regeneration and replacement, as well as burn and wound dressings.

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